

TRANSPORTATION

Agency 225

Washington State Patrol

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2003-05 Expenditure Authority	2,318.7	39,287	308,335	347,622
Total Maintenance Level	2,361.4	42,049	329,529	371,578
Difference	42.7	2,762	21,194	23,956
Percent Change from Current Biennium	1.8%	7.0%	6.9%	6.9%
Performance Changes				
Salary Equalization		242	2,608	2,850
Crime Lab Division Staffing	15.5		4,078	4,078
Convicted Offender DNA Analysis	2.0	485	1,133	1,618
DUI Cost Recovery			1,026	1,026
Toxicology Lab Staffing	2.5		505	505
Electronic Fingerprint Checks	.8		404	404
King Air Replacement		157	233	390
Middle Management Reduction	(8.2)	(202)	(694)	(896)
General Inflation		(127)	(762)	(889)
Capital: Minor Works			1,466	1,466
Capital: Shelton Training Academy			1,000	1,000
Capital: Shelton Academy Master Plan			220	220
Subtotal	12.6	555	11,217	11,772
Total Proposed Budget	2,374.0	42,604	340,746	383,350
Difference	55.3	3,317	32,411	35,728
Percent Change from Current Biennium	2.4%	8.4%	10.5%	10.3%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Aerial Highway Traffic Enforcement	20.3	684	4,109	4,793
Agency Administration	46.8	902	7,004	7,906
Collision Records	11.0		1,465	1,465
Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement	317.1	2,835	41,427	44,262
Crime Laboratory	154.4	8,821	21,618	30,439
Criminal Records Management	109.0	6,103	12,399	18,502
Executive Protection	52.0	3,438	1,826	5,264
Fire Protection Services	23.8	3,714	844	4,558
Highway Traffic Enforcement and Emergency Operations	1,340.3	11,991	189,325	201,316
Implied Consent	25.4	231	4,062	4,293
Investigative Assistance for Drug Enforcement	94.8	1,037	13,548	14,585
Missing Children Recovery	5.6	239	1,087	1,326
Specialized Outreach Fire Services	36.7	582	9,944	10,526
Toxicology Laboratory	24.8	120	5,443	5,563
Traffic and Auto Theft Investigation	100.8	923	12,517	13,440
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspection	19.6	110	2,617	2,727
Transportation Budget Capital Projects			2,686	2,686
Compensation Cost Adjustment		1,076	9,519	10,595

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PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Salary Equalization

In addition to funds provided for a 1.6 percent salary increase in Fiscal Year 2007, funds are also provided for an additional 3.4 percent salary increase for State Patrol troopers in Fiscal Year 2007 to address recruitment and retention issues. (General Fund-State, State Patrol Highway Account-State)

Crime Lab Division Staffing

Funding is provided to increase staffing at the newly constructed Vancouver and Spokane crime laboratories and to address major deficiencies in the delivery of forensic services to Washington State law enforcement agencies. (Violence Reduction and Drug Enforcement Account-State, DNA Data Base Account-State)

Convicted Offender DNA Analysis

Funding is provided for two forensic scientists and additional facility space at the state's Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau Headquarters in Seattle to analyze deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) samples of felony offenders and certain misdemeanants collected as a result of Chapter 289, Laws of 2002. (General Fund-State, Death Investigations Account-State, Violence Reduction and Drug Enforcement Account-State, State Patrol Highway Account-State)

DUI Cost Recovery

Spending authority is provided for anticipated driving under the influence (DUI) cost reimbursements. These funds will be utilized for in-car video camera equipment, tire deflation devices, less-lethal weapons, and breath test equipment to enhance the agency's ability to arrest and convict DUI offenders. Expenditure of these funds is contingent upon prior receipt of DUI cost reimbursement funds and is limited to the amount specified for this item. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

Toxicology Lab Staffing

Three positions are funded to address significant caseload increases at the State Toxicology Laboratory. These additional positions will enable the lab to provide timely, accurate reporting of toxicology results to the state's criminal justice agencies for the investigation and prosecution of crimes where the suspect or victim may have been affected by drugs and/or alcohol. (Death Investigations Account-State)

Electronic Fingerprint Checks

Funding is provided for computer programming enhancements to accommodate the electronic processing of fingerprint-based background checks. The development of an interface to transfer data between the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), the Washington State Identification System (WASIS) criminal history database, and the Paid Inquiry Document System (PIDS) will substantially improve the dissemination of fingerprint-based background check information. (Fingerprint Identification Account-State)

King Air Replacement

Funds are provided for debt service payments required to finance, through Certificates of Participation (COPs), the replacement of the patrol's current 1975 King Air aircraft. (General Fund-State, State Patrol Highway Account-State)

Middle Management Reduction

The Governor has directed that middle management be reduced by 1,000 positions by the end of the biennium. This item is this agency's share of the statewide amount.

Capital: Minor Works

This capital item provides funding for facility preservation projects at Washington State Patrol (WSP) sites statewide, including roof replacement at the Bellevue warehouse; and HVAC repair/replacement in Bellevue, Bremerton, Yakima, and the Shelton Academy's computer classroom. Other projects include drive course repaving and roof replacement at the Shelton Academy, static scale load cell replacement, and statewide communication tower structural analysis and upgrades. This proposal also provides for statewide emergency repairs. (State Patrol Highway Account)

Capital: Shelton Training Academy

The Shelton Regional Utility Construction Project is a partnership consisting of the Washington State Patrol, the Department of Corrections, Mason County, the city of Shelton, and regional Indian tribes. This partnership is responsible for the design and construction of regional domestic water and waste water treatment systems for the public benefit. The water and waste water system design was funded in the 2003-2005 Biennium. This proposal will provide funding for the construction of these systems. (State Patrol Highway Account)

Capital: Shelton Academy Master Plan

This capital item will provide funding for the development of a Shelton Training Academy master plan. The plan will be developed by an architectural consultant with recognized experience and will supply the necessary framework for orderly and appropriate facility additions to fully support the agency's training needs. (State Patrol Highway Account)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Aerial Highway Traffic Enforcement

Pilots in the Aviation Section assist troopers in detecting traffic violations from the air, as well as providing assistance to agency staff and local jurisdictions with drug enforcement and aerial surveillance, and the transport of donor organs and blood supplies in medical emergencies. The section also provides air transportation for the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor.

Agency Administration

The Agency Administration activity includes the Office of the Chief, Government and Media Relations, the Office of Professional Standards, and Evidence and Records Management. In addition, this activity includes the staff costs for each bureau director and executive assistant, as well as centralized photography, word processing, and mail services. This activity represents those management activities that guide the entire agency in achieving its public safety mission.

Collision Records

The Collision Records Section is the repository for statewide officer and civilian collision reports, compiling statistical data for the Washington State Departments of Transportation and Licensing. The section provides copies of the Police Traffic Collision Report and the Vehicle Collision Report to eligible persons, upon application and submission of a non-refundable fee to process the application.

Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement

This activity includes the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section, Motor Carrier Safety Assistance and New Entrants Programs, School Bus Inspection Program, Compliance and Review Section, Tow Truck Inspection Unit, and Equipment and Standards Review. These programs promote the safe travel of commercial vehicles and school buses on Washington State highways through education, technical assistance, and enforcement activities.

Crime Laboratory

The Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory Division operates full-service crime laboratories in Seattle, Tacoma, Marysville, and Spokane, and limited-service crime laboratories in Kelso, Kennewick, and Tumwater. The laboratories provide forensic services for criminal justice agencies within the state and are accredited through the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD). Forensic laboratory services include biochemistry of body fluids; examination of firearms/toolmarks; microanalysis of trace evidence; general criminalistics of physical evidence; chemical analysis of evidence and controlled substances; examination of questioned documents; latent fingerprint identification; crime scene assistance; clandestine laboratory assistance; and training for criminal justice agencies.

Criminal Records Management

This activity includes the management and operation of the statewide law enforcement telecommunications system, A Central Computerized Enforcement Service System (ACCESS), and the Washington Crime Information Center (WACIC). ACCESS provides telecommunications linkage to law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, and associated state databases. The system allows contact with other agencies nationwide through the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System and access to National Crime Information Center files. The WACIC is a computerized database of stolen property, wanted persons, missing persons, and other information of interest to law enforcement officers and associated criminal justice agencies throughout the state. The Identification and Criminal History Section is the repository for statewide fingerprint-based criminal history record information and sex/kidnapping offender registration. The Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit is the repository for dental data and other descriptive data on persons reported missing for longer than 30 days and human remains that cannot be identified. This criminal history information is made available to criminal justice practitioners and the public and private sectors via mail, telecommunications, and the Internet. Other services include technical fingerprint assistance and facilitation in the identification of missing or unidentified persons.

Executive Protection

This activity provides security for the Governor, the Governor's family, and the Lieutenant Governor. Executive Protection personnel also provide law enforcement and visitor security services at the Capitol Campus and the Department of Labor and Industries.

Fire Protection Services

The State Fire Marshal and the Fire Protection Bureau have broad responsibility to ensure fire and life safety for the people of Washington State. This activity includes Enforcement, Regulation, and Investigation services; Mobilization and Responder Readiness; and oversight for firefighter training functions, as well as support for the Fire Protection Policy Board. Primary activities include fire and life safety inspections in nursing homes, residential care facilities, and child care centers; public education services; accreditation and certification of local fire service personnel; and technical assistance and support to local communities, fire districts, and departments statewide.

Highway Traffic Enforcement and Emergency Operations

Highway Traffic Enforcement includes field force commissioned officers who patrol state highways in eight districts across Washington State. Troopers are responsible for enforcing traffic laws, investigating collisions, assisting motorists, and providing a safe motoring environment on over 17,500 miles of state highway. This activity also includes oversight of the Aviation Section, Canine Unit, Explosives Unit, Washington State Patrol Honor Guard, and the vessel and terminal safety of state ferries.

Implied Consent

The Implied Consent activity includes the Breath Test and Drug Evaluation and Classification Programs of the Washington State Patrol. The Breath Test Program manages and maintains all evidentiary breath-testing instruments in the state and provides all re-certification training. The section provides computerized statistical data and analysis related to driving under the influence (DUI) enforcement to members of the criminal justice system. It also provides expert witness testimony in support of the statewide breath alcohol testing program. Drug recognition experts in the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program are trained to recognize the symptoms of intoxication for seven different categories of drugs, using a 12-step standardized process to identify drug impairment. The State Patrol provides specialized training in these skills to troopers and officers from local law enforcement agencies.

Investigative Assistance for Drug Enforcement

The Investigative Assistance Division provides investigative coordination, support, and training that fosters a collaborative response to criminal activity in Washington State. The Narcotics Section provides ongoing drug investigation training for the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission and local clandestine laboratory teams, monitoring the progress of federally-funded task forces throughout the state. The Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) responds to tactical incidents and clandestine drug labs with highly trained personnel who execute search warrants, arrest suspects, and process evidence for criminal prosecution. The Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) provides assistance to criminal justice agencies with complex criminal investigations, as well as training to troopers, sergeants, and local law enforcement agencies on gang enforcement and trends. The Computer Forensics Unit provides computer forensic technical support and training to criminal justice agencies, and recovers relevant evidence that may exist on computer hard drives and other storage media for use in related criminal and internal investigations.

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Missing Children Recovery

This activity includes the management and operation of the Missing and Exploited Children Task Force, a multi-agency task force that assists law enforcement, state and federal agencies, and custodial parents or guardians by conducting investigations on missing, abducted, and exploited children through referrals, on-site assistance, case management, and training. The Missing Children Clearinghouse coordinates the exchange of information among law enforcement agencies, citizens, schools, the Department of Social and Health Services, and other interested groups regarding the location and return of missing children.

Specialized Outreach Fire Services

The State Fire Training Academy (FTA) serves local communities, state agencies, and industry by providing live fire training to fire and emergency response personnel in both the public and private sectors. The FTA delivers planning, training, and technical assistance for fire and emergency personnel statewide to respond to hazardous materials incidents, earthquakes, nuclear facility accidents, and other high-risk emergencies. In addition, the Firefighter I Program provides city fire departments and fire protection districts with financial support to facilitate the decentralized training of fire fighters to meet minimum safety requirements.

Toxicology Laboratory

The Washington State Toxicology Laboratory performs drug and alcohol testing for all coroners, medical examiners, police agencies, prosecuting attorneys, and the Liquor Control Board. The laboratory receives over 8,000 cases each year, of which approximately half are police cases involving driving under the influence (DUI), sexual assaults, and death investigations. The other half is coroner/medical examiner casework that supports counties. Each toxicologist tests about 1,000 samples each year and spends one to two days each week in court testifying in DUI-related cases.

Traffic and Auto Theft Investigation

The Criminal Investigation Division conducts investigations into vehicular homicides, vehicular assaults, felony hit-and-runs, auto thefts, crimes on the Capitol Campus, and threats against elected officials. It provides investigative follow-up to all felony crimes discovered by uniformed line troopers, allowing troopers to return to their primary traffic enforcement duties. This activity also includes participation on the Fuel Tax Evasion Task Force which works to educate the public and industry on the fuel tax laws; investigates suspected fuel tax evasion; and pursues criminal and civil prosecution of fuel tax evaders. The Washington State Patrol Crime Scene Response Team is a joint effort of the Crime Laboratory Division, the Criminal Investigation Division, and the Identification Section, providing comprehensive investigative services at crime scenes at the request of any law enforcement agency in the state.

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspection

Staff in the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Section conduct physical inspections on vehicles that have been rebuilt after being destroyed or declared a total loss by an insurance company. The Section also performs physical inspections as required on vehicles reported stolen, homemade vehicles, vehicles without a proper VIN, or in any VIN discrepancy.

Transportation Budget Capital Projects

The State Patrol operates facilities that are constructed and maintained with funds appropriated from the Transportation Budget. These facilities include district and detachment offices, commercial vehicle weighing and inspection stations, communications centers, microwave and radio tower sites, and a training facility.

Compensation Cost Adjustment

This item reflects proposed compensation and benefit cost adjustments that were not allocated to individual agency activities. The agency will assign these costs to the proper activities after the budget is enacted.

Middle Management Reduction

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